



## 2005 EnviroGuard Company Profile

### Medium Business Category

HDR Inc. is a national architecture and engineering company committed to improving environmental quality. HDR promotes sustainable best management practices in their corporate operations and in the products they help to create – low-impact roadways, clean watersheds, advanced stormwater systems, and sustainable buildings.

Pollution prevention efforts at HDR include:

- Comprehensive recycling program includes white paper, colored paper, newspaper, aluminum cans, glass, magazines, toner cartridges, cardboard and batteries. Surplus electronics are offered to employees for reuse or sold to scrap recyclers that specialize in sustainable disassembly.
- Waste reduction efforts include using double-sided copies and prints, reusable mugs, and reusing envelopes for interoffice correspondence.
- Efforts to limit transportation impacts and fossil-fuel consumption include the promotion of alternative transportation and providing locker rooms and shower facilities; staff dedicated to arranging travel to minimize distances to meetings; providing video conferencing equipment; providing each employee with a telephone conference calling card.
- Corporate commitment to sustainability including a Sustainable Business Initiative (SBI) and a full-time director dedicated to this program. The SBI provides recycling bins for all work stations, a fluorescent lamp recycling program, preferable purchasing agreements, and corporate best management practices.
- Office buildings provide space for recycling bins and specify furniture and carpeting with recycled content and low/zero VOCs, zone-control over HVAC, and a 'power-down' cycle for non-business hours. Carpets meet Carpet and Rug Institute standard for recycled content.
- One of only a few architecture and engineering firms that support a full-time Sustainable Design Services Department. This department is tasked with administering LEED registered projects, writing sustainable design guidelines and providing training, maintaining an internal Sustainable Products Database, and maintaining company-wide sustainable Master Specifications for building construction. HDR was the first A/E firm to join the U.S. Green Building Council.
- Local sustainable design example – Banner Bank Building, Boise. This building will use 40 percent less energy, recycle 100 percent of the graywater on-site, and offer superior illumination, ventilation, and air purity. This building is registered with the U.S. Green Building Council as LEED for New Construction project and is pursuing a Gold level certification award. Occupancy is scheduled for February 2006.